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ed in 1880 and the True Southron in

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now has the combined circulation and

influence of both of the old papers,

and is manifestly the best advertising

medium in Sumter.

VOTES EVENLY DIVIDED.

Seven of Fourteen Illegal Votes Cast

in Favor of the Bond Issue.

It is understood that Messrs Purdy

and Bland, attorneys for Mr. W. B.

Boyle in the election contest, are

trying to show that the Mayesville

box should not have been thrown

out, but that the ballots of those per-

sons who voted in the election, but

whose names were not on the regis-

tration book, should have been thrown

out. To find out how these votes

were cast the voters have been

interviewed by Messrs. Purdy and

Bland and it was found, according to

the following letter, which has been

received by the clerk of the election

commissioners, that the votes which

were illegally cast at Mayesville were

evenly divided for and against the

bond issue.

The letter is as follows:

Messrs. James E. DuPre, W. T. Green

and F. D. Knight, Board of Coun-

ty Canvassers of Elections for Sum-

ter County, and E. F. Miller Clerk

of said Board.

Gentlemen: In the matter of the

appeal of Mr. W. B. Boyle from the

findings of your board, on August 8th,

1911, to the Board of State Canvass-

ers, on the question of the Good

Roads bond issue, we propose to sub-

mit before the Board of State Can-

vassers at the time of the hearing of

the appeal, the affidavits of Messrs

P. M. Miller, C. G. Griffin, J. B. War-

ren, N. D. Womble, H. W. Beall, D.

J. Bradham and J. W. Odum, who

voted at the Mayesville precinct on

August 1st, on said issue, and who

are seven of the fourteen persons

whose votes were alleged to have

been irregularly cast; and that their

affidavits will state that they each

voted "yes" on that issue.

Respectfully,

PURDY & BLAND,

Attorneys for W. B. Boyle.

Sumter, August 22, 1911.

It was further learned that the

managers of the election at Mayes-

ville during part of the time for vot-

ing used the Mayesville Democratic

Primary roll instead of the registra-

tion book, which should have been

used. It was stated by one of the

managers that several persons came

to vote whose names were not on the

registration books, so a messenger

was sent for the primary club roll

and this was used afterwards instead

of the registration book, which had

been provided.

WILSON-WILEY DISPUTE.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 23.—Rival fac-

tions, supporters of James Wilson,

secretary of agriculture, and those

who stand or fall with Dr. Wiley in

the Wilson-Wiley controversy recent-

ly under investigation at Washington,

developed in the convention of the

National Association of Food and

Dairy Departments in this city. With-

in an hour after the appearance of

the dispute on the convention floor

two states were formed for the prin-

cipal officers of the association. The

two states follow:

Wiley Slate—For President, P.

Brown, Tennessee; for secretary, R.

L. Allen, Kentucky; executive com-

mittee, C. D. Wood, Maine; H. E.

Barnard, North Carolina.

Wilson Slate—For president, W. H.

Cutter, Missouri; for secretary, J. B.

Newman, Illinois; executive board un-

decided.

The election of officers will take

place tomorrow.

At the same time, it is said, a deter-

mined fight will be made by the Wiley

followers for other offices. Tonight

in a telegram 20 Wiley men addressed

President Taft and members of the

Wiley congressional investigation

committee in behalf of Dr. Wiley.

The telegram, it is said, commends

Dr. Wiley's long service in the govern-

ment employ.

A girl who is afraid of a firecrack-

er won't hesitate to marry the big-

gest gun in the country—Wilmington

Star.

She knows that with a big gun to

protect her she has nothing to fear

from firecrackers.

HOLD FOR THIRTEEN CENTS.

ADVICE AS TO COTTON BY CON-

GRESSMEN.

Committee Appointed by Conference

of Southern Members Reports,

Urging Banks to Unite Against the

Bears.

Washington, Aug. 23.—"Hold cot-

ton for 13 cents" is the advice to be

formally given to farmers' organiza-

tions, by a committee consisting of

Senators Williams of Mississippi and

Owen of Oklahoma and Representa-

tive Burleson of Texas, representing

a conference of senators and repre-

sentatives from seven cotton-growing

States.

A committee will urge the State

banking associations to co-operate

against "the bearish movement of the

speculators."

What was referred to generally as

the "threatening condition of the cot-

ton market" was discussed at meet-

ings today and last night. Among the

participants were Senators Williams

and Owens, Representatives Under-

wood of Alabama, Democratic leader

of the house; Heflin of Alabama,

Brantley and Hughes of Georgia, Bur-

leson and Bealle of Texas, Garrett of

Tennessee, Humphreys of Mississippi

and Small of North Carolina. A num-

ber of them are large cotton planters.

The committee issued a statement,

which read:

"It seems to be the opinion of all

that there was a preconcerted effort

being made, principally through the

instrumentality of the speculative

element of the New York cotton ex-

change to break down the price of

cotton. It was the opinion of all that

the present statistical condition of cot-

ton did not justify the lowness of

present quotations and that the esti-

mate of 15,000,000 bales was unjusti-

fied by any facts upon which a pre-

diction could be sanely based. And

moreover, even if a 15,000,000 bale

crop were in sight, the world's sup-

plies still probably would fall short

of the world's demand for cotton, to

the extent of more than 1,000,000

bales, because of the exhaustion of

the recent visible supply of carried-

over spot cotton. In other words,

with a 15,000,000 American crop the

world's crop for 1911 would be 25,-

000,000, with 35,000,000 spindles cre-

ating a demand for 26,000,000. This

statement is based on latest advices

from Egypt, India and other cotton

producing countries."

The statement refers to the appoint-

ment of the committee to write, in the

name of those present, a letter to the

president of the Farmers' Union and

to other cotton farmers' organizations,

asking them to advise their local uni-

ons and other subordinate bodies to

advise the farmers generally to hold

cotton for 13 cents, and to continue to

demand that price, "until by a con-

vention or agreement, arrived at in

some way, a different one shall be

suggested."

The conference expressed the view

that 13 cents was seemingly less than

that justified by the existing statisti-

cal condition. "This committee," the

statement reads, "was also requested

to communicate in some way with the

president of the several State bank-

ing associations in the cotton States,

asking them to throw as far as possi-

ble their moral and financial support

behind the effort to counteract the

bearish movement of the speculators,

with the view of obtaining a fair

price for the farmers' cotton.

"Information was given at the in-

formal conference that assurances

would be given to President Barrett

or to Southern banks that ample

funds from banks outside of the

South could be had, through the in-

strumentality of Southern financial in-

stitutions, to be lent, at the rate of 6

per cent per annum, to those who did

not wish to dispose of their cotton at

a sacrifice, upon cotton warehouse

certificates. This committee subse-

quently met in the office of Senator

Williams of Mississippi and conclud-

ed that the best way to carry out the

ideas suggested and agreed upon was

to give this statement to the Asso-

ciated Press.

(Signed—Robert S. Owens,

John Sharp Williams,

A. S. Burleson.)

ATWOOD NEARS END OF FLIGHT.

Aviator May Establish New World

Record.

Fort Plain, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Another

remarkable spin through the air, on

his aeroplane flight from St. Louis to

New York, brought Harry N. Atwood

from Belle Isle, five miles east of

Syracuse, to Fort Plain late this after-

noon and landed him 25 miles nearer

his destination. He is now 1,965 miles

from his starting place and 200 miles

from his proposed alighting point in

New York.

From Belle Isle, where he ascended

at 1:55 p. m. Atwood sailed around

Syracuse; twelve minutes later he

turned the nose of his biplane and

in the twilight descended into the

Mohawk Valley, alighting in a field

near here at 7:05 p. m. His flying

time today was 2 hours and 16 min-

utes, and was made without a stop.

Farmers' Union News

—AND—

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

Meeting at Oswego.

Mr. B. F. Keller, of the State Farmers' Union, will attend a meeting of the farmers at Oswego on Friday, September 1st to discuss the plan to organize a company to build cotton warehouses in this State, which has been endorsed by the State Farmers' Union. An opportunity will be offered all who are interested to subscribe for the stock of the proposed company. A large attendance is desired.

Seeding Vetch in Indiana.Rural New Yorker.
How much seed of hairy vetch should be sown per acre to insure a good cover crop to be plowed under in spring? How many pounds in a bushel of seed? Can seed be sown with an ordinary wheat drill, and if so, how?
L. C. S.

Redkey, Ind.

In corn it should be sown in August. In the open ground it should be sown by September 15, and it will then cover the ground before freezing weather. If sown in the corn in August it should not be pastured, but both stalks and vetch should be turned under in April. For turning under we use a three-horse plow, a rolling cutter. For soiling uses it should be sown at intervals from May 15 to September to give a succession. If wanted for hay it may be sown with oats in the spring or with rye in the fall. Some advocate sowing with wheat, but this I do not think advisable. In the corn a one-horse hoe or disk drill is used, the land having been plowed over once before sowing. In the open ground a two-horse drill is used either a hoe or a disk. The same precaution is taken as to having the soil in the best possible condition for receiving the seed. If the feed gauge on either of these drills is entirely shut off it will sow exactly 50 pounds per acre.

For plowing under in the spring 40 pounds per acre is sufficient. On very thin soil some use 50 pounds. For hay uses when sown with oats or with rye 30 pounds is ample, with one peck of rye added. For seed it is best to shut off every other feed in the drill and add one peck rye per acre for the support of the vetch. This will require 20 pounds vetch seed per acre. Its endurance of either heat or cold is great. The severe drought now prevailing has no effect on either Alfalfa or vetch. Its early start in growth in the spring before any other plants shows signs of starting makes it all the more valuable as a forage plant. In fact the plant remains green all winter where not too much exposed. My estimate of it for reclaiming purposes is that it has no equal, the same that Alfalfa holds as a forage plant. No farmer should lose the opportunity of sowing freely of it this fall. It will repay him manifold and help save other feed for winter uses. I do not know the standard weight of a bushel of vetch seed, but think it is 50 pounds.

Go at it like our friend Smith did. He said: "Win or lose I am going to venture." And he did venture, and won. He has had as high as 100 acres in vetch. Sow 10 acres in the corn for turning under in April next and sow the field in Alfalfa in June, and you will have an Alfalfa field that will astonish everyone. Sow a few acres next spring in oats and vetch, half and half, and you will have a hay crop that will make the dairy doubly valuable. Or try a pasture field for the cows and calves, and you will learn what vetch is worth for a forage plant.

J. H. HAYNES.

Indiana.

Rocky Bluff Jottings.

Rocky Bluff, Aug. 24.—Fodder pulling is about over and the cotton picking season is here—and won't last long either, as the cotton, as well as the corn, has not made as much as was expected.

The showers we have been having for the last two weeks are of great benefit to peas and potatoes and fall gardens. Vegetables are quite scarce. The late cabbage and tomatoes are cut off by the drought and peas and beans have just commenced to bear, and those who did not lose their chickens by sore head or colera are the lucky ones.

Mrs. J. M. Earle of Sumter spent one day last week with Mrs. W. R. Wells.

Miss Eva Hatfield spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Baker.

Mrs. W. E. Barfield is now in Sumter, where she will make her future home.

THE GOOD ROADS ISSUE.

Litigation and Ill Feeling Will Do The Cause Much Harm.

Editor Watchman and Southron.

It is a great pity that so much should have been said and written about the \$150,000 bond issue election and that so much bad feeling engendered. It is a well known fact that, as a rule, there are only a few who ever vote on a bond issue or seem to take much interest in same. Now, for the sake of peace and harmony and for the good of the county and the good roads movement I want to suggest that everybody show their magnanimity and rise to the occasion by laying aside all prejudice and feeling in the matter and stop proceedings where they are only a little while until the legislature meets, have another election ordered and fight it out like men at the polls, when we hope that the result will be more decided, one way or the other and everybody making up their minds to be resigned to the will of the people. This is an age of progress and good roads are just as sure to come as time rolls on. We cannot suffer much by waiting to have another election, nor will the good work stop, for our roads are being improved all the time. It is useless to get this matter into the courts, which may drag along years and as it is spun out there will be more bad feeling and less good roads. I cannot see how any principle will be sacrificed, therefore, nothing to lose and much to gain. Am sure that our supervisor and our commissioners will co-operate when called upon. Yours for good roads and prosperity.

F. M. DWIGHT, M. D.

Wedgfield, S. C., Aug. 24.

News Items From Tindal.

Tindal, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Dr. H. E. Barnwell and